

LISTENING

Task 1 (12 points)

Listen to the interview with Melissa, telling about her home town. Complete the gaps with the missing information. An example (0) has been given.

SAN FRANCISCO

Example:

0. Melissa left San Francisco when she was 18 years old.

1. Melissa left the United States after she _____.

2. Melissa visits San Francisco _____ a year.

3. Melissa states that compared to other American cities, San Francisco is rather unique and _____.

4. Nick suggests that San Francisco and New York owe their uniqueness to their _____.

5. According to Nick, both New York and San Francisco have well-developed _____.

6. Melissa recalls that her family used to have _____ car(s).

7. Melissa admits that when she goes back to San Francisco she feels like a _____.

8. Melissa's European friends complain about San Francisco being

_____.

9. According to Melissa, the best months for visiting San Francisco are

_____ and _____.

10. Melissa claims that _____ benefit from tourists misreading the climate of San Francisco.

11. Nick suggests that San Francisco and Oakland may be

_____ because of their location.

12. Melissa stresses that San Francisco will stay _____.

Task 2 (10 points)

Listen to the podcast. Read the statements and decide whether each statement is true (T) or false (F), according to the text. Tick the appropriate box. An example (0) has been given.

GRAPHOLOGY

Statements		T	F
0.	<i>After reading 'The Complete Book of Fortune', the author of the podcast started treating graphology as a serious science.</i>		√
1.	Adam Brand links people's attitude to graphology to the way it was used in the 19th century.		
2.	Adam Brand feels offended when graphology is looked down on.		
3.	Adam Brand insists on graphology being considered a science.		
4.	Graphology has European roots.		
5.	There used to be a set of rules for the use of handwriting styles.		
6.	The development of printing has led to handwriting becoming more varied.		
7.	Adam Brand's primary line of work is connected with legal cases.		
8.	The shape of letters alone helps Adam Brand single out a particular personality trait.		
9.	When working on legal cases, Adam Brand is less interested in the psychological profile of a suspect.		
10.	Adam Brand suggests that handwriting analysis can give more information about a candidate than a job interview.		

Task 3 (8 points)

Listen to a conversation between Chris, the interviewer, and Nate, a music expert, in which they discuss their views on music streaming. Read the questions and circle the correct option (A, B or C), according to the conversation.

STREAMING

Chris starts the conversation.

1. According to Nate (a music expert), how has streaming changed people's music habits?

- A People are less inclined to listen to new releases.
- B People are less likely to buy separate albums and singles.
- C People are more likely to listen to new releases on the radio.

2. According to Chris (the interviewer), how did artists use to make people buy their albums?

- A By including as many hits on the album as possible.
- B By offering a couple of quality songs as bait.
- C By letting people buy only the singles they liked.

3. According to Nate (a music expert), what is one advantage of music streaming?

- A It provides access to a wide variety of music.
- B It helps music lovers follow the latest releases.
- C It helps artists find inspiration for their music.

4. What does Nate (a music expert) say about the financial aspects of streaming?

- A Streaming is not as lucrative as selling downloads.
- B Revenue from streaming is comparable to CD sales.
- C Streaming produces considerable revenue.

5. What does Nate (a music expert) say about the financial model in streaming?

- A It offers equal financial opportunities for all participants.
- B It tends to favour songwriters and artists.
- C It is rather underdeveloped and unbalanced.

6. According to Chris (the interviewer), how has the Internet affected the music industry?

- A It has changed the way the music business is organised.
- B It has changed the approach to how music is recorded.
- C It has helped it to merge with newspaper and book publishing.

7. Which statement is true, according to Chris (the interviewer)?

- A The Internet opens the door to aspiring artists.
- B The Internet makes the music industry more profitable.
- C The Internet makes the music industry more competitive.

8. What positive development in the music industry does Nate (a music expert) mention?

- A New music genres are more likely to spread.
- B People are ready to pay more for music.
- C Artists can find new sources of income.